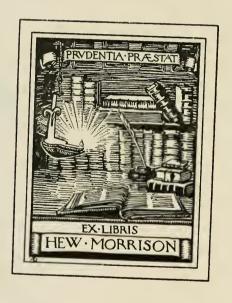


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AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH

FACAL DO NA GAIDHEIL.

Tha fios againn gu bheil meas mòr agaibh, a luchd-dùthcha, air 'ur dùthaich—Tir nam Beann 's nan Gleann 's nan Gaisgeach—'s gur aobhar-naille duibh 'ur dìsead 's 'ur sinnsearachd, 's gu bheil cuid agaibh, co-dhiu, a tha toirt àite bhlàith 'nur cridheachaibh do 'n Ghaidhlig—a' chanain bhlasda, ghrinn sin a ta 'g 'ur ceangal, mar nach dean nì sam bith cile, ri 'ur dùthaich 's ri cach-a-cheile. Ach aig a' cheart am, is eagal leinn nach 'eil e cur iomagnin sam bith oirbh gu bheil 'ur cuid cloinne ag eirigh suas gun chomas eadhon am Biobull a leughadh 'nan canain fein, 's gu bheil sibh, co-dhiu a reir coslais, toilichte le maighstirean-sgoile nach urrainn a' Ghaidhlig aon chuid a theagasg no a thuigsinn.

Air sgàth ar dùthcha, ma ta, tha sinn a' cur mar fhiachaibh oirbh an tàmailt so a thoirt as an rathad gu grad. Rachaibh an guaillibh a cheile, sean is òg, mar tha Gaidhleil na h-Eireann agus na Cuimridh a' deanamh; agraibh, gun sgìos, gun fhois, eòirichean na Gaidhlig, 's tha sinn làn-chreidsinn gu faigh 'ur n-oidhirpean furtachd nach faigh an fhaighidinn is fhearr. Gu sonraichte sibhse, aithrichean agus màthraichean Gaidhealach, togaibh 'ur guth, 's abraidh ri Parlamaid Bhreatann gur e 'ur miann Gaidhlig a bhi air a teagasg do 'r cuid cloinne anns an sgoil. Gheibh toil slighe; 's tha iomadh doigh ann air 'ur miann a thoirt a mach. Dh'iarramaid oirbh gun neach sam bith a chur a steach do 'n Pharlamaid no do Bhuidheann-riaghlaidh Siorramachd, no Sgìreachd, ach an neach sin a ta leibh gu follaiseach anns a' chùis so. Gu sònraichte cumaibh suil gheur air Bord na Sgoile, 's ma taghaibh fear sam bith ach esan a tha daingeann air taobh na Gaidhlig, 's a ni uile-dhichioll chum a h-àite fein a thoirt di anns an sgoil.

Agus aig a' cheart àm, a chionn gu bheil Riaghlairean an Fhoghluim Choitchinn 'san Albainn a' nochdadh an deagh-ghean do 'n Ghàidhlig le bhi leigeil a steach còlas oirre am measg nan nithean leis am faod an òigridh Teisteannas air coimhliontachd 'san Dara Fòghlum a chosnadh, feumaidh sinne a leigeil fhaicinn gu bheil sinn 'ga mheas mar is còir; agus airc a thoirt gu'n gabh ar cuid cloinne a' Ghàidhlig mar aon de na nithean a tha feumail a chum an Teisteannas fhaotainn.

Cha'n'eil sinn, a luchd-duthcha, ag iarraidh 'ur ceannach le bhi cur gealltanas buannachd an luib 'ur dleasdanais, ach dh' ainmicheanaid nì no dhà a ta nochdadh gu soilleir gu bheil teagasg na Gaidhlig 'na bhuannachd, agus an caochladh 'na chall, do na Gaidheil.

- 1. Is e Cothrom na Feinne anns an ionnsachadh gu'm biodh cainnt mhàthaireil na cloinne aig a' mhaighstir-sgoile cuideachd; ma tha sin 'ga dhìth-san, tha an t-ionnsachadh 'gan dìth-san. Tha an leanaban Gallda no Sasunnach a' tuigsinn a h-uile facal de chainnt a' mhaighstir-sgoile, agus, mar sin, o'n cheud latha theid e do'n sgoil, tha e sùghadh a steach an fhòghluin; ach an rud nach tuig leanaban 's nach 'eil air a mhìneachadh du'na chanain fein, eiamar idir a ghreimicheas e air?
- 2. Tha Comunn a' Bhiobuill a' tairgseadh dhuaisean do mhaighstirean-sgoile anns a' Ghaidhealtachd a theagaisgeas Gaidhlig anns an sgoil; tha an Comunn a' faicinn gu'm biodh e 'na bhuannachd do na Gaidheil am Biobull a leughadh 'nan canain fein.
- 3. Tha e air a dhearbhadh gu bheil a' Ghaidhlig 'na cuideachadh mòr ann a bhi togail chànain eile.
- 4. An àite bhi milleadh blas na Beurla, 's ann a tha 'n teanga a tha cleachte ris a' Ghaidhlig 'ga dheanamh na's binne agus na s uaisle. Tha teisteannas Mhic-Cailein againn gu bheil Beurla na Gaidhealtachd fad air thoiseach air Beurla na Galldachd.
- 5. Tha Ghaidhlig 'na buannachd shonraichte do mhinistearan 's do lighichean 's do mhaighstirean-sgoile, agus eadhon do luchd-ceairde; tha iomadh àite fosgailte do luchd na Gaidhlig nach 'cil fosgailte do fheadhainn eile.
- Os cionn gach ni, a luchd-duthcha—buannachd ann no as—is i a' Ghaidhlig 'ur cànain fein: suaicheantas 'ur duthchais 's 'ur sliochd uasail.

A WORD TO THE GAIDHEAL

- FROM -

AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH.

This letter is meant for everyone who loves his Country—the Land of mountains, glens and heroes—and who keeps a warm place in his heart for the Gaelic—that old, expressive and beautiful language, which ties us as nothing else can, to our country and to each other.

We are grieved to see how little apparently it troubles you that your children are growing up unable even to read the Bible in their own tongue, and that you appear to be satisfied with school teachers for them who cannot understand or teach Gaelic.

We ask you for the sake of our country to consider it your duty to remove this reproach, and that immediately; to band together, old and young, men and women, as the Celts of Ireland and Wales are doing, and labour untiringly and unceasingly for the just rights of our Gaelic tongue, and we are sure that your efforts will be successful. You have waited patiently long enough.

You especially, Highland fathers and mothers, lift up your voices and let the Parliament of Britain hear that it is your wish to have Gaelic taught to your children in the schools.

There are many ways in which your desires can be made known, but, above all, send to Parliament or to the ruling bodies of the county or parish, only those who are openly with you in this matter.

Especially keep a sharp eye on the School Board, and elect no representatives but those who are strongly in favour of Gaelic, and who will be all-diligent in getting for the language its rightful place in the schools.

Now that the Scotch Education Department has shown its sympathy with Gaelic, by including it among the subjects for leaving certificates, we must show that we appreciate this by seeing that our children take up Gaelic as one of their certificate subjects.

We are not, fellow-countrymen and women, going to entice you by promising you rewards for doing your duty, but we would mention one or two matters which show plainly that the teaching of Gaelic is an advantage, and the reverse is a loss to the Gaidheal.

- 1. It is only fair play that teachers should know the mother tongue of the children. It they do not know it, then the children cannot get the benefit of their teaching in any subject. The Lowland and English children understand every word their teachers say, and, therefore, they are drinking in knowledge from the first day they go to school; but when children do not understand a thing, and when it cannot be explained to them in their own tongue, how are they to get a grip of it?
- 2. The Bible Society offers prizes to school teachers in the Highlands who teach Gaelie in the schools, for the Society recognises what a benefit it is to a Highlander to be able to real the Bible in his own language.
- 3. It has been proved that Gaelic is a great assistance in learning other languages.
- Instead of spoiling the accent in English, Gaelic makes it prettier and richer. We have the Duke
 of Argyll's testimony that the English of the Highlands is far before the English of the
 Lowlands.
- 5. Gaelie is an especial benefit to ministers, doctors, schoolmasters, and artizans. There are many positious open to Gaelic speakers which are closed to those who have no Gaelic, but, above all, fellow-countrymen and women—benefit or no benefit—Gaelic is our own language, the badge of our country and of our race.



























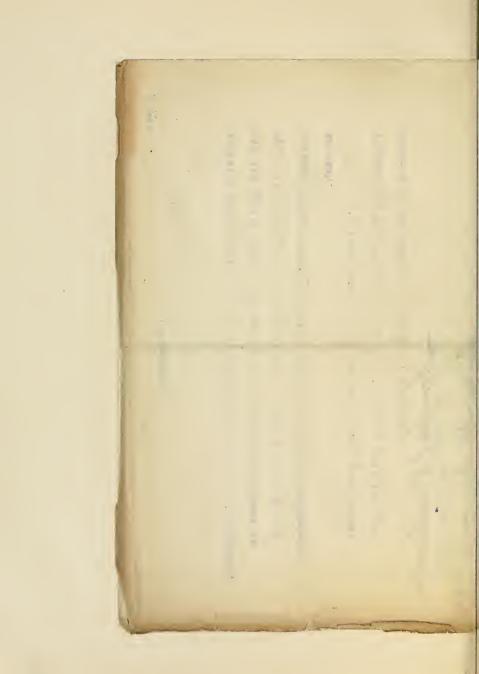
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LIAM MAC GILL 10SA.

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Is e rim sonruichte a' Chomainn a' Ghàidhlig a chìr am farsuingeachd mar chànain bheo ann an Albainn.

A'Bhliadhn'ur 1918.

A charaid chòir,

S ann le mòr thoil-inntinn a tha

AONGHAS DOMHNULLACH

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